

APPROVED MAY 27, 2010



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
Sewer Committee
6 Township Drive
Cheyney, PA 19319-1020
www.thornbury.org

George Morley, Chairman
Ted Jacquet, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley
Brian MacEwen
Susan Ricciuti

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2010

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman Morley called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: George Morley, Chairman Jack Howley
Ted Jacquet, Vice Chairman Susan Ricciuti

ABSENT: Brian MacEwen

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 1

Chairman Morley reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2010**
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Sewer System Mapping
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Procedure for Residents Who Want To Hook up Immediately
 - b. Draft Ord. Requiring Proper Abandonment of On-Lot Sewer Disposal Systems When the Property is Connected to Municipal Sewer System
 - c. Township Manager's Report
5. **NEXT MEETING – Thurs., May 27, 2010**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public at this time.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Jacquet and seconded by Mrs. Ricciuti, all members voted "aye" to approve the Mar. 25, 2010 meeting minutes, as amended.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Sewer System Mapping:** Mr. Morley proposed that there is a need to have a record of the location of the systems for properties in Thornhill, Brinton Lea, and Tanguy, which do not hook up. Mrs. Ricciuti believed that the Township has to ensure that everyone's sewage is being treated properly and suggested it be mapped with GIS. Mr. Morley knew that Pennoni has a map, but was unsure if it noted the properties that did not hook up. Mrs. Ricciuti felt a GIS map would be a good tool to better evaluate areas for sewer. Mr. Howley felt that those that do not hook up should be required to prove that their systems are working properly and therefore don't need to hook up yet. Mr. Jacquet felt that regular (bi-annual) inspections would handle it. Mr. Morley was opposed to mandated inspections. Mr. Morley stated that the possibility of mandating inspections is up to the Board. Mr. Jacquet felt that the Township should consider other areas, such as Thornton Rd. and the other side of Brinton Lake Rd. to see if they are interested in public sewers. Mr. Howley was concerned as to how long Concord Twp. would hold each resident's edu. Mrs. Ricciuti noted a clause which explained that your edu would be lost only if there was an unusual circumstance. Mr. Morley explained that if a development comes in and needs 50 edus, Concord Twp. might transfer your edu to the development if they run out of capacity. There was a consensus to recommend to the Board GIS mapping of the properties that do not hook up.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Procedure for Residents Who Want To Hook up Immediately:** Mr. Morley noted that a letter from the Township should go out to the residents that clarifies the hooking up process, such as offering a payment plan, or a lump sum. Also, there should be an approved list of certified plumbers/electricians that residents can choose from to hire. How does the resident notify the Township when they are connected? When will the Township do the inspection? Notification needs to go out once a resident is hooked up to Concord Sewer Auth. Are residents hooked up as we go or does Concord hook up once a certain number of residents are ready? There was a consensus that the Township needs to have a commitment from each household by way of an application and each household needs a written procedure to follow. Mr. Morley will email Mr. Seagraves with the above recommendations.
- b. **Draft Ordinance Requiring Proper Abandonment of On-Lot Sewer Disposal Systems When the Property is Connected to Municipal Sewer System:** Mr. Jacquet questioned the wording, specifically, "*This section shall not apply to tankage converted to equalization and retention facilities.*" Mr. Morley will ask for clarification on that wording. Mrs.

MINUTES – SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 22, 2010

PAGE 3

Ricciuti wanted to know why it has to be a “plumber’s” name on the Certification of On-Lot Sewage Disposal System Abandonment form. .

Public Comment: Rick Miller agreed that the certification form should read “plumber/contractor” and item 1.b. of the draft ordinance should clarify the specifics on the size and number of holes.

There was a consensus to recommend that “*Name of Plumber*” be changed to “*Name of Plumber/Contractor*” on the Certification Form and specifics be added regarding holes in 1.b of the draft ordinance.

c. Township Manager’s Report: Mr. Morley highlighted the Manager’s Report.

5. NEXT MEETING: – Thurs. May 27, 2010 at 7 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mr. Howley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli
Sewer Committee Secretary

cc: Sewer Committee Members	Ted McCandless, Code Administrator
Board of Supervisors	Lloyd Noll, Township Sewer Engineer
James McCann, PE, Township Sewer Engineer	Robert P. Anderman, Esq.
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager	Suzanne Howat
Geoff Carbutt, Subdivision Coordinator	Jacqui Guenther, Assistant Manager